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Spectacular

A C-17 from McChord Air Force Base, Wash., drops flares while performing a quick take-off from Indian Springs Air Force Auxiliary Field, Nev., during the Oct. 6 mini-air show. HH-60s, A-10s, F-15s, F-16s, F-117s, B-52s and the B-1B demonstrated their combined firepower for hundreds of visitors. One special visitor was Jon, a Make-A-Wish recipient. See related story on Page 15.

Safety day: pay attention to surroundings

By Master Sg. Clyde Weller
AWFC Safety office

Today is an Air Force-wide safety day and the theme is "personal risk management." Take the time to be personally proactive and watch, listen and learn about your surroundings.

As the day begins I ask the men and women of the Nellis community to take a few moments to reflect on how you arrived at work today. Whether you arrived on foot, bicycle or car, think about the details that you should have noticed.

Did you notice and heed all posted traffic signs? Did you notice how the traffic around you responded to the posted speed limit? By chance, did you notice each and every pedestrian, and even the children

waiting for school busses? If you did, then you are truly the exception.

Many folks don't remember minor details about their drive into work. They fall into a trance as they navigate the busy streets and interstates. Most don't pay attention to the fine details that could save their lives. They are thinking about families, their work schedules, listening to the radio or stereo, talking on their cell phones, shaving or putting on make-up.

All of us knowingly create these distractions. While in this mode we lose the big picture, commonly called situational awareness. Along with critical thinking, situational awareness allows us to be active participants, rather than a passenger or even hostages to ourselves.

Yes, we live busy lives, handle important work and are a vital member of a family dedicated to saving lives and protecting our country. As an important member of your immediate family and Nellis community, take time to plan your routine safely.

Start your day 15 minutes earlier so that you can avoid being distracted while driving. Prepare a "to-do" list to organize your busy schedule. Make an extra effort to notice where traffic is at all times, at each intersection, and don't anticipate traffic lights. Take two seconds, when the light finally turns green, to ensure it is clear.

By being proactive you will increase your chances for survival, and possibly simplify your daily routine.



Air Force sets aviation safety records

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The Air Force has achieved its lowest numbers in major aviation mishaps and also saw its second-best year in on-duty ground safety in the service's 53-year history; a "tremendous accomplishment," says the Air Force's chief of safety, Maj. Gen. Tim Peppe.

For fiscal 2000, the aviation mishap rate was 1.04 per 100,000 flying hours, compared to the previous best rate set in fiscal 1991 of 1.11, according to Gen. Peppe.

"In the Air Force, we define a major aviation mishap as an accident which results in a fatality or in which an aircraft is destroyed or exceeds \$1 million in damage," he explained.

In accomplishing this year's feat, the Air Force realized records in three major aviation safety categories: the lowest number of major aircraft mishaps, 22; the lowest number of aircraft destroyed, 14;

and the lowest number of total aviation fatalities, 7, including three pilot fatalities.

"These aviation rates are pretty significant, especially when you account for the increased ops tempo, deployments and operations in austere locations such as Southwest Asia," Gen. Peppe noted. "This is a tremendous accomplishment."

Previously, the Air Force's record was 24 major aircraft mishaps in fiscal 1998; 20 aircraft destroyed in fiscal 1998, and nine total aviation fatalities in fiscal 1999.

The general said this fiscal year's record lows are evidence of a downward trend seen over the past few years. "We are pleased to see this continuing decline overall in our safety categories but realize that challenges remain ahead of us. It may not be realistic, but we want to see a zero in every category."

The general said one significant decline was in the logistics category, which covers mechanical failures. "This year, the Air Force confirmed four cases of aircraft mishaps due to mechanical failures, compared to fiscal 1999's total of 20, a significant decline," he said. He noted the number might rise to seven, due to ongoing investigations of aircraft mishaps.

Gen. Peppe attributes the decline to continued commander involvement at all levels and increased funding in spare parts. "We are going to keep a close eye on this to see if this downward trend continues."

Along with the aviation records comes the service's second best year in on-duty ground safety.

"For fiscal 2000, we had six on-duty fatalities, which equates to a 1.02 percent rate (per 100,000 people)," Gen. Peppe said. Previously, the service's lowest rate was

three fatalities in fiscal 1998.

"Off duty," he said, "the Air Force lost 51 airmen, compared to a previous low record of 41 fatalities seen in fiscal 1999."

"The primary causes remain motor vehicle accidents, alcohol use and people who are not wearing seat belts," Gen. Peppe said. "We are optimistic that with continued focus and commitment to make operational risk management a part of on- and off-duty life, we can do better. We feel even one fatality is one too many."

Air Warfare Center flying safety numbers

Aircraft destroyed:	3
Loss of life:	0
Major damage:	2

Raptor structural testing closer to completion

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The F-22 Raptor successfully completed another air vehicle ultimate load static test recently. This was the third of three such tests conducted in September, according to F-22 program officials.

"We have completed 16 of 19 major structural tests, which are significant elements in certifying the strength of the (airframe)," said Mr. Dave Bushroe, F-22 System Program Office strength and static test leader.

"The latest tests were designed to evaluate how well the F-22's vertical tails and rudders withstood 1.5 times the loads exerted upon them when performing critical aircraft operating maneuvers," he said.

The air vehicle tests, scheduled to run through the end of October, are the first phase of the full-scale ultimate static test program. The final three tests will focus on the aft fuselage and the wings.



File Photo

Last year, the Raptor successfully underwent 19 limit load tests, which simulated the loads that could be experienced by the aircraft in its operating environment, Mr. Bushroe said.

Following the limit load tests, the F-22 began ultimate load testing — which tests the strength of the Raptor's primary components — at 1.5 times (the conventional safety factor for aircraft design) the forces and pressures experienced in actual flight.

Full-scale static testing of the F-22 is being conducted at Lockheed Martin's Marietta, Ga., facility.

When the air vehicle cases are completed, the F-22 program will begin the full-scale ultimate static test program's second phase, which is a series of tests designed to exercise critical detail structural components such as engine mounts, weapons bay components and cockpit systems. These tests run through April 2001.

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Nellis Salutes

Nellis salutes the following quarterly award winners.

**57th Operations Group
Airman of the Quarter**
Senior Airman Jeffrey Huffman

NCO of the Quarter
Tech. Sgt. Torrye Kirvin

Senior NCO of the Quarter
Master Sgt. Robert Bayruns Jr.

Company Grade Officer of the Quarter
2nd Lt. Brady Vaira

Civilian of the Quarter
Mr. Terry Prucha

**99th Medical Operations Squadron
Airman of the Quarter**
Airman 1st Class Sarah Harrison

NCO of the Quarter
Tech. Sgt. Eric Erickson

Senior NCO of the Quarter
Master Sgt. William Simmons

**99th Dental Squadron
Airman of the Quarter**
Airman Andrea Cannon

NCO of the Quarter
Tech. Sgt. Wesley Schlauch

**99th Medical Support Squadron
Airman of the Quarter**
Senior Airman Jessica Dehaven



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NCO of the Quarter
Staff Sgt. Jerry McClelland Jr.

Senior NCO of the Quarter
Senior Master Sgt. Scott Warnberg

**99th Medical Group
Airman of the Quarter**
Airman 1st Class Sarah Harrison

NCO of the Quarter
Staff Sgt. Jerry McClelland Jr.

Senior NCO of the Quarter
Master Sgt. William Simmons

Company Grade Officer of the Quarter
Capt. Susan Block

Civilian of the Quarter
Mr. Robert Miranda

Buckley goes active duty

By Lynn Gonzales
AFSPC Public Affairs

BUCKLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. - The Air Force unveiled its newest addition Oct. 2 when Buckley Air National Guard Base became an active-duty base.

Secretary of the Air Force F. Whitten Peters, Gen. Ed Eberhart, Air Force Space Command commander, and local officials led the ceremony marking the handing over of the base from the Colorado Air National Guard to Air Force Space Command.

"In the past ten years, we have transformed Buckley from a decaying World War II base with buildings with leaking roofs and rotting floorboards to what you see now, an updated base with modern buildings and a brand new infrastructure," Maj. Gen. Mason Whitney, Colorado adjutant general said. "Buckley has a proud history and a promising future."

The ceremony officially transferred host command responsibility of Buckley from the 140th Wing of the Colorado Air National Guard to AFSPC's 821st Space Group, ending the Guard's 40-year command. The transition was made final with the unveiling of the new name at the front gate — Buckley Air Force Base.

"The sun will come up tomorrow

as it has for the last 40 years, on a well-run base, overflowing with great Americans who are going about the day-to-day business of defending the nation," Secretary Peters said in his opening remarks. "On the surface, very little will be different tomorrow. However, things are changing subtly, deliberately and profoundly."

In addition to a new name, the transition brings a few other noticeable changes. More active-duty Air Force members will be assigned to support the new host organization, and a new commissary and base exchange are being built.

"What great stewards of this base the taxpayers found in ... the Colorado Air National Guard," Eberhart said. "You have set a tough standard, but we are going to dedicate ourselves to meeting that standard and, together, taking it to new heights."

"[The change] is definitely going to bring good things. It's going to give us more facilities [and] more money into the base [that we can] use," said Staff Sgt. Cliff McEwan, 140th WG.

The base was named after 1st Lt. John Harold Buckley, a World War I flier from Longmont, Colo. Buckley lost his life in France when his aircraft was shot down on a strafing mission behind German lines on Sep. 17, 1918.

Space surveillance complex changes hands, telescope becomes operational

MAUI, Hawaii (AFPN) — The Defense Department's most sophisticated telescope complex, the Maui Space Surveillance Complex, changed hands Oct. 1, from Air Force Space Command to Air Force Materiel Command.

Air Force officials also announced the complex's 3.67-meter telescope — the world's largest for taking pictures of passing satellites — was now fully operational.

The complex, located atop Mt. Haleakala, is used primarily to track and "photograph" satellites, and for research into technologies and techniques for improving the quality of the images.

The change reflects a greater emphasis on the site's research activities, on closer collaborations with academic researchers, and on developing and implementing techniques that will further improve the quality of images collected.

A majority of the operations transferred from Det. 3, 18th Space Surveillance Squadron to Det. 15, Air Force Research Laboratory Directed Energy Directorate.

Construction of the telescope was completed in



File photo

The Maui Space Surveillance Complex sits on top of Mt. Haleakala, Maui, Hawaii.

1998. For the past two years, scientists have been adding instrumentation and deformable optics (a mirror that can change its shape) that will permit the telescope to compensate for the distorting effects of the atmosphere and get clear images of objects in space.

The telescope, known as the Advanced Electro-Optical System, is available to visiting experiment-

ers. Last year, the Air Force Office of Scientific Research and the National Science Foundation announced they were making more than \$2.5 million available over two years.

Multiple groups or institutions can use the telescope, because images captured by the telescope can be routed through mirrors to seven independent experimental labs located beneath the telescope.

"By allowing civilian researchers to use this telescope, the academic community benefits and their involvement can lead to improvements that we can use in our space surveillance work," said Maj. Raley Marek, chief of the directorate's Space Surveillance Systems Branch.

The telescope, along with a 1.6-meter telescope, 1.2-meter twin telescopes, a 0.8-meter beam director-tracker and a 0.6-meter beam director, are part of a space surveillance network for identifying and pinpointing objects in space for U.S. Space Command.

NASA often uses the 1.2-meter telescope to track asteroids passing near Earth.



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Col. Del Eulberg 99th Air Base Wing commander

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Child Development Center II - 652-5885

Mail early, pack gifts carefully

By Army Staff Sgt. Kathleen Rhem
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Everybody has good intentions when selecting and sending gifts, but good intentions will only go so far if packages arrive too late or arrive damaged.

To assist people in sending gifts out on time, Military Postal Service Agency experts publish deadlines each year to get cards and packages in the mail early.

To ensure cards and packages arrive at their destination by Christmas, experts recommend the following guidelines.

- Packages going to military APO and FPO addresses sent standard mail must be shipped by Nov. 6.

- Space-available mail, or SAM, must be sent by Nov. 27.

- Parcel airlift mail, or PAL, must be sent by Dec. 4.

- First class letters and cards and packages sent by priority mail should be mailed by Dec. 11 to ensure on-time delivery.

SAM packages are first trans-

ported domestically by surface and then overseas by air on a space-available basis.

SAM parcels must be less than 15 pounds and no more than 60 inches in length and girth combined.

PAL service is space-available air transportation for parcels up to 30 pounds and 60 inches in length and girth combined.

Different fees apply for standard mail, SAM, PAL and priority mail.

For complete information on the Military Postal Service Agency, visit their Web site at www.hqda.army.mil/mpsa/about.html.

Packaging can affect whether or not a gift arrives unscathed. Follow these U.S. Postal Service guidelines:

- If a box is adequate for mailing, don't use wrapping paper. For wrapping, use paper as strong as a regular large grocery bag.

- Cushioning is important to absorb and distribute shock, pressure and vibration. Cushion each individual item above, be-

low and on all sides.

- When several items are packaged together, they should be individually wrapped in paper or foam and boxed separately.

- Cellophane and masking tapes aren't strong enough to be used in mailing.

- Each package must show a complete delivery address on the container or on a label attached to the container. A return address must be placed in the upper left corner of the container or the label.

Postal experts recommend placing the names and addresses of the sender and recipient and a description of the contents inside the box as well. This can aid in delivery if the address on the outside of the container should become unreadable or the package is damaged.

Markings from all previous mailings should be obliterated.

For mail sent to civilian international addresses, see the guidelines outlined in this story at www.af.mil/news/index2.shtml.



Air Force recruits former soldiers, sailors, airmen

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — Know any recent veterans who might be interested in returning to uniformed duty?

Tell them to contact their local Air Force recruiter. The Air Force hopes to attract thousands of former airmen, soldiers, sailors and Marines to return to active duty in fiscal 2001.

A program that formerly complemented typical non-prior service recruiting now allows the Air Force to immediately fill noncommissioned officer shortages in certain specialties by welcoming back individuals with previous military experience.

"The Air Force recognizes there is a pool of highly skilled veterans who have served proudly and now miss the opportunities of military service," said Col. Duane W. Deal, Air Force Recruiting Service commander.

Criteria to re-enter

The basic criteria for enlisted members to re-enter the active force are:

- ***Be re-enlistment eligible at time of separation***
- ***Have served no more than 12 years of active service***
- ***Have not been separated more than four years when re-entering active duty***
- ***Be in the grade of E-4 through E-6***

Reserve and Guard members are also eligible to participate with commander approval.



"They may have spent four or more years in service and decided to leave for the civilian work force," he said.

"Now they miss the team-

work, discipline, and opportunities of the military and want to serve again," he said.

Air Force recruiters now welcome prior-service

people with open arms.

In previous years recruiters were given credit for enlisting people with no previous military experience.

Also, prior service military members did not count against their annual goal — although nearly 900 veterans returned during fiscal 2000.

The fiscal 2001 goal of 34,600 new recruits includes prior service members.

During the early to mid-1980s, the enlisted prior service program brought as many as 3,000 veterans back on duty each year.

Force reductions caused the program to be used sparingly during the past decade.

Today, members of all services may resume a career in America's Air Force without an administrative waiting period.

For more information about joining the Air Force, contact an Air Force recruiter, call the Air Force Opportunities Center at 1-800-423-USAF, or visit www.airforce.com.



Military retirees get dental plan with more bite

By Mr. Gerry Gilmore
American Forces Press
Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Military retirees asked for a more comprehensive dental plan, and now they have one.

As a result of retiree feedback, the enhanced TRICARE Retiree Dental Program went into effect Oct. 1 and adds more than 100 new procedures and extends eligibility criteria, said Navy Capt. Lawrence McKinley, TRICARE senior consultant for dentistry.

The new program supersedes one started in February 1998 that augmented "space-available" retiree dental care at military hospitals and clinics.

"The basic TRDP didn't cover all the dental needs of the retired community," Capt. McKinley said. After listening to retirees and cataloging their needs and

requests over the past 18 months, he said, Delta Dental Plan of California, the insurance administrator; the TRICARE Management Activity; and the dental service chiefs worked together to determine the best program possible while keeping the premium costs affordable.

Eligible beneficiaries include:

- Military retirees, including those over age 65
- Reserve members entitled to retired pay, but under age 60
- Spouses of retirees
- Children under age 21, or full-time students under age 23
- A surviving spouse who has not remarried or an eligible child of a deceased member or a member who died on active duty and who isn't eligible for the TRICARE program.

The enhanced dental pro-

gram also offers expanded eligibility, Capt. McKinley said. Now, retirees can enroll a spouse or child without enrolling themselves provided they have documented proof that they are:

— Eligible to receive dental care from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

— Enrolled in an employers' dental plan that isn't available to family members.

— Unable to obtain benefits from the TRICARE Retiree Dental Plan due to a current and enduring medical or dental condition.

Capt. McKinley said the 114 new procedures make the enhanced TRICARE plan "a very comprehensive dental program."

About the only things not covered in the new program are certain extremely expensive procedures such as dental implants, he added.

The cost

The new services come at

a price. Beneficiaries will pay about double for the enhanced coverage under the new dental plan, Capt. McKinley said. Monthly premiums, depending on geographic region, range from \$21 to \$34 for one person; \$40 to \$65 for two; and \$62 to \$105 for a family of three or more.

The rates are good until Jan. 31, 2003, when new contract bids are scheduled. However, additional DOD-directed enhancements could increase those premiums.

"We asked beneficiaries through surveys whether they would be willing to pay more for an enhanced program, and 62 percent said yes," Capt. McKinley said. "In fact, over 20 percent said they would be willing to pay more than double the old premium for an enhanced program."

"The benefit package

doubles the number of procedures found in the basic plan," he said. "That is a very good value and is very comparable to the best of the civilian programs."

Enrollment begins

Enrollment in the new program began Sept. 1, and should top the 500,000-plus beneficiaries that participated in its predecessor, Capt. McKinley said. Expanded eligibility rules should reach an estimated 4.2 million retirees and their family members.

The beneficiaries who will use the enhanced dental program range in age "from 38 to 108 ... and are a very significant part of our business," Capt. McKinley said.

To determine eligibility, call Enrollment Services toll-free at 1 (888) 838-8737. Visit the TRICARE Retiree Dental Plan Web site at www.ddpdelta.org for more information.



Are you ready for the Air Combat Command Installation Excellence Award team visit?



File Photo

By Maj. Gen. L.D. Johnston
AWFC Public Affairs

Are you ready for one of the most important “visits” to Nellis in years?

It will occur from Wednesday through Oct. 20. As one of two Air Combat Command finalists for the Commander in Chief’s Installation Excellence Award, Nellis has the opportunity to show ACC’s command evalua-

tors just how well we surpass command standards in services, facilities and quality of life programs.

More than 30 programs will be under the microscope, with the evaluators looking at innovation, process improvement, and customer satisfaction.

As a finalist, you’ve already been recognized for your day-to-day efforts.

For the command visit, we must simply demon-

strate your innovation, pride and dedication to the Air Force mission.

We all have a stake in the outcome...the Air Warfare Center, the 99th Air Base Wing, the 57th Wing, and our tenants...because the potential award money (\$1,000,000) would mean significant and needed improvements to our quality of life programs.

The award would also verify the superb relation-

ship we enjoy with our neighbors in Southern Nevada.

In summary, Nellis Air Force Base performs a critical Air Force mission that makes our Service the best in the world...training combat aircrews, developing and evaluating combat tactics and testing leading edge technology.

Let’s ensure the evaluators understand the teamwork and energy you put into “making it happen”!



Nellis Gospel Choir celebrates 21st anniversary



Above, Senior Airman Kenneth Bruce delivers a gospel vocal selection to the congregation. The theme for the event was "Pressing on Toward the Goal."

Photos by Mr. John Broussard

Right, members of the congregation listen as Nellis Gospel Choir sings to celebrate their 21st anniversary at the Chapel Sunday.



Right, Nellis Gospel Choir members, from left, Ms. Brenda Pettaway, Ms. Lilly Cooper, Ms. Valerie Luster and Ms. Shelia Parks provide background vocals during the anniversary celebration Sunday. Below, former choir member Ms. Renae Sharpe enjoys and joins in the celebrations.



**Election calendar****Tuesday**Third General
Election Presidential
Debate**Nov. 7**
Election**VOTE****Red Flag's 25th
Anniversary**

Red Flag celebrates its 25th anniversary November 10 and 11. Nellis will host a golf tournament at Sunrise Vista Golf Course with a formal dinner to follow. Guest speaker to be announced. For more information, call Lt. Col. Paul Geier at 652-4440.

**TRICARE eyes benefits change**

Vision is one of the most complex systems of the human body and functions with even more precision than the most sophisticated computers. It is so important, the maintenance of vision is sometimes overlooked. A regular and complete eye examination is the best way to protect future vision.

In the past, as a TRICARE Prime beneficiary, eye and vision benefits had been based on certain criteria depending on a sponsor's duty status, age, race and health status.

Effective Oct. 1, the TRICARE eye benefits changed.

Every Prime beneficiary, ages 3 through 64, is now allowed one comprehensive eye exam every two years. Beneficiaries who are not entitled to Medicare and retain TRICARE eligibility after 65 are also eligible for the eye exam. There is no referral or co-payment required if a beneficiary seeks care from a network provider.

A comprehensive eye exam on a regular basis is essential for everyone. Early de-

tection of any vision problem lessens the chance of permanent or long-term conditions. Eye and vision screenings between birth and age 5 are performed as part of a child's overall physical exam, and TRICARE covers newborn screenings under the mother's maternity benefit. Preventive health care, including eye exams, is an approach to take to keep good health within sight.

For a list of local optometrists, visit the TRICARE Service Center on the first floor in the Mike O'Callaghan Federal Hospital. To speak directly to a service representative from the TRICARE Service Center, call 450-4000 or toll-free anywhere in the United States at 1-888-874-9378. For a list of optometrists, visit TriWest Healthcare Alliance on the Web at www.triwest.com and click on "Provider Directory."

Editor's note: Information provided by TriWest Healthcare Alliance.



Air Force demonstrates firepower!



This explosion during the firepower demonstration caused viewers to jump from their seats. The firepower demonstration was for a group of 41 new brigadier generals and admirals. The Department of Defense program refreshes the generals' and admirals' knowledge about the services.

The firepower demonstration was the Air Force's way of showing its strengths through massed airpower and global communications. Also on hand for the event was Jon, whose wishes were granted by Nellis through the Make-a-Wish Foundation. For related story, see Page 16.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Molly Gilliam

Pararecuemen drop from an HH-60 helicopter from the 66th Rescue Squadron, to perform a mock rescue for the October 2000 CAPSTONE at Indian Springs.



DACOWITS conference coming to Las Vegas

**By Tech. Sgt. Gayle Barajas
AWFC Public Affairs**

Nellis is supporting the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services 2000 Fall Conference Wednesday through Oct. 22.

Issues on the calendar for this year's conference, which takes place at the Luxor in downtown Las Vegas, include:

- *Pregnancy policies
- *Gender and race/ethnicity discrimination
- *Quality of life issues
- *TRICARE
- *Forces development and utilization
- *Impact of outsourcing and privatization on quality of life

The committee will also hear re-

sponses to its requests for information from the services, formulate new requests for information and make policy recommendations for the secretary of defense.

The group consists of 36 members, both men and women, from the civilian and military sector. The secretary of defense appoints the committee members.

The committee is divided into three subcommittees—Equality Management, Forces Development and Utilization, and Quality of Life.

For more information on DACOWITS and to view the conference schedule, visit the committee's Web site at www.dtic.mil/dacowits.

Is your yard ready for inspection?

Housing area inspections are conducted Tuesdays, year round. Not only are yards inspected, but the overall appearance of neatness is considered. Remove grass, leaves and weeds from around the house, air conditioning units, fences, desert landscape, flower beds, sidewalks, driveways and curbs.

Residents are responsible for half the distance between houses. All vehicles must be registered, tagged

and in working condition in the housing area. Recreational vehicles and boats may not be stored in the housing and parking areas.

Store garbage cans in the garage, storage area, or behind the house out of sight except Mondays and Thursdays during garbage pick-up times. For more information, call the Housing Office at 652-1840.

Editor's note: Information provided by Nellis Housing Office.



Warrior of the Week

Airman 1st Class Dante D. Caraballo



Photo by Airman 1st Class Ashley Sorrels

Unit: 57th Component Repair Squadron

Duty Title: F-15 Avionics Test Station Apprentice

Home Town: Valenzuela, Philippines

Time in the Air Force: 1 year 7 months

Time at Nellis: 11 months

Hobbies: Basketball, volleyball, playing the keyboard and the guitar

Most significant Air Force memories: The experience of basic training and attending technical training, also being a part of Nellis' last Green Flag

Nellis Now



Photo by Airman 1st Class Ashley Sorrels

Skills Development Center

Mr. Dan Marujuma, a Skills Development Center customer, uses a table saw to finish his wood project. The center offers classes in ceramics, woodworking and scrapbooking. For more information, call 652-2794.



Supply wins Squadron Elite

By Mr. Larry Bridges
99th Services Squadron

Eight days, 11 events, hundreds of athletes and one champion—99th Supply Squadron.

Supply won the 2000 Squadron Elite competition. Led by squadron sports guru Hat Lamotte, Supply swept first place in golf, basketball, softball, horseshoes and the mile relay to capture this year's crown.

Supply earned participation points in every event, the only squadron to do so.

Runner-up in this annual program was 414th Combat Training Squadron. The 414th earned the gold medal in swimming and tug-o-war and had second place finishes in basketball and tennis.

547th Intelligence Squadron came in third place overall thanks to second place event finishes in tug-of-war, horseshoes and the mile relay.

Other event winners were 99th Medical Group in the 5K run, volleyball and tennis. 99th Mission Support Squadron won the bowling competition.

This year's program was the smallest in recent times, and event organizers challenge all units on base to enter a team in the 2001 event. This is a very exciting event, very competitive and an indicator for gauging squadron unity, esprit de corps and physical readiness.

This year's competition crowned the 99th Supply Squadron as the elite squadron on Nellis.

Who will win next year?



Photos by Staff Sgt. Molly Gilliam

Senior Airman George Cluse and Airman 1st Class Jamie Wipf, both 99th Supply Squadron, take the lead in the Squadron Elite mile relay competition at Nellis' track.

Below, the 99th Supply Squadron pulls for 3rd place during the Squadron Elite tug-o-war competition at Freedom Park Oct. 5. 99th Supply won this year's competition.





Take a hike: Liberty Bell Arch

By Staff Sgt. Jim Bianchi
AWFC Public Affairs

Outdoor recreation sponsors a seven-mile hike to Liberty Bell Arch, Ariz., Nov. 10.

The Veterans Day weekend trip is designed for beginners through advanced hikers.

Highlights of the trip include a view of the Colorado River and the Hoover Dam.

Required gear, as a minimum, should include two to three liters of water, lunch, trail snacks, sunscreen and good hiking boots or sturdy sneakers.

"It's not a macho thing," said Mr. Tony Taylor, volunteer tour guide. "It's fun, exercise and camaraderie."

Hikers will leave Outdoor Recreation at 8 a.m. and return before dark. Cost of the trip is \$10 and includes transportation. The trip is open to all Nellis community members.

For more information about this and other outdoor adventures, call 652-8967.



Courtesy Photo

Hikers near the goal of their three-and-a-half-mile trek to Liberty Bell Arch.

Nellis Retiree Appreciation Day

Nellis' annual Military Retiree Appreciation Day is Nov. 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Events include:

***Breakfast at the Enlisted Club and lunch at Mountain View Dining Facility**

***Flightline and Threat Training Facility tour**

***Vehicle registration**

***Medical Group activities**

***Information fair**

For more information, call 652-6910.

Free \$20 phone cards from the Air Force Aid Society

If you are deploying or going TDY for more than 30 days, stop by the Family Support Center with your orders and get a free phone card. For more information, call 652-3327.



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CCAF fall graduation

The Nellis Education Center holds commencement exercises Nov. 2 at 3 p.m. in the Chapel. Make reservations no later than Oct. 26. A reception in honor of the graduates is held in the Desert Oasis Enlisted Club following the ceremony. Graduates should report to the Chapel at 2 p.m. for a rehearsal prior to the ceremony.

Aerospace scholarship

This scholarship is for Air Force spouses, to pursue associate, bachelor's or postgraduate degrees. Deadline for applications is Nov. 1. Stop by the Education Center for an application package and eligibility requirements.

Leadership program

Unit and wing commanders, now is the time to nominate highly qualified airmen to attend Prep School with the intention of Air Force Academy appointment to fol-

low. Cut off for LEAD is Jan. 31. For further information, call 652-5280.

Study skills classes

Class teaches techniques on reading and remembering, studying for tests, and test taking tips. Upcoming classes are Wednesday, Thursday, Oct. 30 and 31 from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, call 652-5280.

Community college

Community College of Southern Nevada is offering counseling services for active-duty and family members at Nellis. Appointments will be set up Tuesdays from 1 to 4 p.m. Call CCSN at 652-5527 to schedule, or visit the office in Bldg. 20, Room 318.

University of Oklahoma

Application and enrollments for Fall 2000/Spring 2001 are now being accepted for the Master's of Public Administration program at the University of Oklahoma. For more information, call 652-9453.

Embry-Riddle University

Registration for winter session has begun. Winter term begins Monday and runs through Dec. 17. For more information, call 652-2389 or email Nellis-center@acts.db.erau.edu

AFPC Chief's Group

AFPC Chiefs' Group is seeking volunteers for the Gunter Air Force Base NCO Academy Commandant position, reporting no later than April 16. Contact your Military Personnel Flight Customer Service section at 652-9073/9459 for additional information.

Base Talent Show

Singers, dancers, musicians, stage technicians and more are needed for the Base Talent Show Nov. 17. Active duty personnel may go on to compete at Command and Air Force level and have a chance to be in "Tops in Blue!" For more information, call the community center at 652-5014.



Holiday Treasures Charity Bazaar

The Nellis Officers' Spouses Club annual Holiday Treasures Charity Bazaar will be Nov. 3 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Nov. 4 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. held at the Officer's Club.

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Korean War veterans

Team Nellis is organizing a retreat ceremony and luncheon for Korean War veterans. Anyone who took part in the Korean War can call Senior Airman Kelley McErlane at 249-1544 to ensure they are recognized at upcoming events.

Enlisted aide

An enlisted aide position is available at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. Individuals with culinary experience are highly desired. However, anyone with a "can-do" attitude and the ability to interact with senior officers can apply. Volunteers must be second term/career airmen in the grade of senior airman and above. For more information, call 652-9073.

Group life insurance

Members considering cancel-

ing Servicemembers Group Life Insurance in favor of another policy should ensure it does not have a suicide, flying, or war clause that would preclude payment to beneficiaries. For more information, call 652-9073.

Record of Emergency Data

Don't wait for an emergency to happen before discovering that your DD Form 93, Record of Emergency Data, is out of date. For this reason, it is imperative that military members keep their DD Form 93 accurate and current. For more information, call 652-9073.

Congressional award

Young adults ages 14 through 23 are invited to participate. This program helps participants achieve individual goals in voluntary public service, personal development, physical fitness and expedition/exploration. For more information, call Ms. Cindy Berg at 652-9307.

Thrift Shop special

The Thrift Shop is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and the first Saturday of the month, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for consignments and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for sales. The Thrift Shop is accepting Halloween and Christmas items for consignment.

Youth skills program

High school-age family members of active-duty members are invited to learn job skills and earn dollars to be used for higher education. Stop by the Nellis Boys & Girls Club to pick up an application. For more information, call Ms. Cindy Berg 652-9307.

Physical Therapy fun run

Physical Therapy is sponsoring a 5K run on Oct. 31 at the base Fitness Center. Participants should gather at the front at 6:30 a.m. For more information, call Master Sgt. Alfred McMurrey at 653-3100.

Talent contest



The Family & Teen Talent Contest is held at the Community Center

Dock Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. Participation is free and deadline to sign-up is Monday.

Volunteers are also needed to help with lights, audio, props and other tasks.

Anyone interested in volunteering or becoming a contestant can call the Community Center at 652-5014 or the Nellis Boys & Girls Club at 652-9307.



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**Base Theater
652-5020**

Show times

Unless otherwise indicated, all show times are 7 p.m. with Saturday matinees at 1 p.m. To subscribe to the email mailing list, send your requests to angel1m@lvcm.com.

Today Gladiator (R)

Russell Crowe, Joaquin Phoenix, Richard Harris

Saturday, Sunday What Lies Beneath (PG-13)

Harrison Ford, Michelle Pfeiffer

Monday Gone in 60 Seconds (PG-13)

*Nicolas Cage
Giovanni Ribisi*

****Theater
is closed
Tuesday and
Wednesday****

**Chapel
652-2950**

Weekly schedule:

Catholic worship

Mass: Monday through Friday: 11:30 a.m.

Saturday: Reconciliation, 4 p.m.; Mass, 5 p.m.

Sunday: Mass, 9:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Protestant worship

Sunday: Gospel service, 8 a.m. Traditional service, 11:15 a.m.

Classes/Activities

Religious Education

Catholic Religious Education classes for ages 3 through 12th grade is Sunday from 8:20 to 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. For more information, call 652-5953.

Protestant Religious Education class is Sundays from 9:35 to 10:50 a.m. For more information, call 652-7950.

Young Adults meet 6 to 7:15 p.m. Wednesdays at the Chapel Annex. For more information, call 644-6568.

Protestant Youth of the Chapel meet 1:30 p.m. Sundays in the Chapel basement.

Officers' Christian Fellowship has three home Bible studies. To find one near you, call 656-8707.

Men of the Chapel meet the first and third Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. in the Chapel basement.

Protestant Youth of the Chapel meets Sundays at 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel basement.

"Lord, I need grace to make it" is a study on the endless grace of God. Classes are Thursdays through Nov. 16 from 10 a.m. to noon and 7 to 9 p.m. For more information, call 643-5981.

Widows in the Neighborhood monthly activities include lunches, local tours and attending performances. For more information, call 459-1324 or 453-4858.

Bible Study is Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel Annex. For more information, call 459-1324 or 453-4858.

RCIA, for any adult interested in becoming a Catholic, is Sundays at 1:45 p.m. in the Chapel Annex. For more information, call Mr. Glenn Noehl 648-1401.

Choir Accompanist

There is still an opening for Gospel Choir accompanist. Bids will be opened on Nov.

2 at 11:30 a.m. in Chapel Annex, room 12 and 14. For more information, call Master Sgt. Moyle 652-2950.

**Base Library
652-4484**

Genealogy class

Class will review the basics, then cover genealogical research using newspapers, the Internet, Soundex, census records, church records and tombstones. Class is Oct. 25 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, call Mr. Michael Newman at the library.

**Family Support
Center
652-3327**

Briefing

A predeployment briefing is held Wednesdays from 2 to 3 p.m. This briefing is designed to help members of the Nellis community to prepare for deployments and remote assignments. It also includes the Hearts Apart Morale Call program registration. Spouses are invited to attend.

**HAWC
653-3376**

PACE

Class is Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 1 p.m. and is designed to sustain and improve joint mobility through gentle, voluntary exercise in a fun group setting.

Cholesterol

Do you know what your cholesterol number is? A number greater than 200 could mean you are at risk for heart disease. Take the time to see if you are at risk. For more information contact the HAWC at 653-3376.

**Nellis Boys
& Girls Club
652-9307**

Give parents' a break

The Nellis Boys & Girls Club and the Child Development Center have teamed up to give parents a break. Youngsters, ages 6 and up, can stay at the Boys & Girls Club, and younger children can stay at the Child Development Center. Parents' day out is Oct. 28 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and parents' night out is Nov. 4 from 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. For more information, call the Nellis Boys & Girls Club.

School-age program winter break

The Nellis Boys & Girls Club school-age program winter break activities will be Dec. 18 through 29. The program is open to all family members in grades one through six (ages 6 through 12). Registration begins Nov. 20. Bring proper identification to establish eligibility. For more information, call Mr. Will Pagan or Ms. Trudy Cherry at 652-9307.

Teen lock-in

Teens, age 13 through 18, will be locked in the Nellis Boys & Girls Club today, 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. Cost is \$2 for members and \$10 for non-members. Food, fun and entertainment is provided. For more information, call Ms. Cindy Berg at 652-9307.

Family swap meet

Look for bargains Saturday in the Nellis Boys & Girls Club gymnasium from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Plan to make a few extra dollars by selling those unused items at the next swap meet Nov. 4. Cost is \$15 per table and sellers keep all the sale proceeds. Sign up at the Nellis Boys & Girls Club or call to reserve a space.

Smart girls program

Girls, age 10 through 15, are invited to learn etiquette, nutrition skills and how to say no to negative influences Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call Ms. Sherry Franklin at 652-9307.

Hands-on Cooking

Children, age 11 through 18,

can learn to cook in this hands-on class. Cost is \$10 per month and meets Mondays starting Nov. 6 at 5 p.m.

**Outdoor Recreation
652-8967**

Black Canyon trip

Go on a canoe adventure down the Colorado River Saturday. The group will stop at a sauna cave, hot springs and several beaches along the way. Cost is \$35 per person which includes a packed lunch. The next trip is Nov. 11.

**Skills Development Center
652-2794**

Ceramics class

Upcoming classes are Saturday and Oct. 21. Each class costs \$8. Students create a Halloween decoration. Adults can create a Halloween basket Oct. 28 at 1 p.m. for \$10. Call to sign up.

Scrapbooking

A Power Layout Scrapbooking Workshop is scheduled for Oct. 21 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. All supplies are included. Bring presorted pictures from seven rolls of film and leave with 15 to 30 pages ready to mount. Cost is \$30. **The Be A Hero Scrapbooking Workshop** is for children, age 10 and up, and adults. Classes are Saturday and Oct. 28 from 10 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$6 a person and includes all materials. Bring six to eight photos and memorabilia to create a great family page. Earn a "Be a Hero" stamp at the same time.

Scrapbooking Workshop is conducted Wednesdays in October from 9 to 11 a.m. Beginners and experienced scrapbookers are welcome to join. Cost is \$6 to \$13 depending on material used. Bring six to 10 photos and take home a completed page. Registration is required for all classes.